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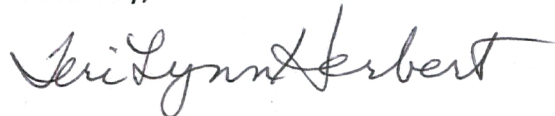
Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge all members of the Commission to deny the Dominion Energy's proposals regarding Solar Choice. First Dominion wants a rate increase to pay for all the tree trimming it is doing (might better be called tree-butchering). Then it wants to double the base rate/month and on top of that, charge folks for their residential-generated electricity – those who have tried to do the right thing environmentally by installing solar panels. Solar takes some of the burden off of coal-fired power plants, and is cleaner for the air, water and land. Residential solar installations have been giving back to the power company by providing excess kilowatts at a very low rate to Dominion's advantage!

It costs the homeowner a LOT to install solar panels and is a step in the right direction to helping this country become less dependent on coal, gas, oil – a win-win for all. So why should the PSC allow Dominion to stifle solar energy – when it can help them in the long run save in costs of producing power? It doesn't make sense – unless this is just another way to raise the salaries for the directors of Dominion. I smell another Santee Cooper debacle in the making, which will only hurt the citizens of South Carolina who already pay a higher rate for electricity compared with any neighboring states. Solar provides a lot of jobs for the US – building solar panels, the equipment to operate the systems, the installation, maintenance – it has been a growing sustaining business for South Carolina.

Please, please don't make us pay for all the VC Sumner costs and now all the proposed solar fees!

Sincerely,



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